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FISHERIES AGREEMENT (GIFA)

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1. ASSUMING EEC RECEIVES MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE FISHERY

AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF MEMBER STATES, DEPARTMENT PROPOSES THAT EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS BEGIN OCTOBER 27 AND CONTINUE THROUGH AS MUCH OF THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK AS NECESSARY. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT MEETING AT THIS STAGE WILL BE IN THE NATURE OF EXPLORATORY TALKS RATHER THAN FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. FYI: DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN PROCESS OF OBTAINING CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY.

2. IN ADDITION TO FISHERIES QUESTIONS, US TEAM WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS CONCERNING NATURE AND EXTENT OF EEC MANDATE AND ABILITY OF EEC TO MAKE NECESSARY GUARANTEES WHICH ARE REQUIRED BY FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976. IT WOULD THUS BE HELPFUL TO HAVE LEGAL EXPERTS PRESENT TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES.

3. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT EC VERSION OF GIFA MAY BE IN ITS INITIAL DRAFTING STAGE, ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS

DRAFT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO WASHINGTON DELEGATION. COMMENTS ON ANY SIGNIFICANT DIVERGENCE IN EC VERSION FROM US DRAFT VERSION WOULD SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE.

4. FOR MADRID. DURING US/GOS TALKS HELD WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 20-22, IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD TRY TO MEET AGAIN WITH SPANISH DELEGATION SOMETIME DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER. SINCE US DELEGATION WILL BE IN AREA AND AVAILABLE AT CONCLUSION OF EC TALKS, IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO CONTINUE ON TO MADRID. REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH GOS WITH PROPOSAL TO REINITIATE NEGOTIATIONS NOVEMBER 1 IN MADRID, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THEIR VIEWS ON OUTSTANDING SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT. DELEGATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO REMAIN MADRID FOR AT LEAST THREE FULL DAYS NEGOTIATIONS AS NECESSARY.

5. FOR COPENHAGEN. STRONGLY DESIRE PARTICIPATION OF RFO PEASE AS MEMBER OF DELEGATION FOR BOTH BRUSSELS AND MADRID. KISSINGER

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